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AND VIRUCIDAL FOR THE TREATMENT OF RESPIRATORY  
DISEASES AND METHOD TO USE AND DEVELOP

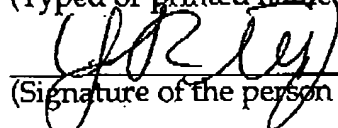
## AMENDMENT

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6 Sir:

7 In response to the recent Office action, please amend the above  
8 referenced application as follows.  
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## 10 INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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12 The Examiner has objected claims 1 through 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112.  
13 Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestions to overcome the  
14 informalities of the claims.  
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16 Claims 1-2; 8-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being  
17 anticipated by Yvin. And claims 1; 2 and 14 have been rejected also by  
18 Hasan and Vuong. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the  
19 limitations of claims 2 and 3, amended claim 8 to incorporate the  
20 limitations of claim 9; 10; 11; 12 and 13. With these amendments, the  
21 rejection is moot with respect to amended claims 1 and 8, as well as new  
22 claim 15.  
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24 The remaining claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being  
25 obvious in view of Yvin. Applicant respectfully disagrees and will explain  
26 his position below.  
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28 Finally, the double patenting rejection is moot since application serial  
29 No. 10/431,721 was abandoned.  
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